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Applicants: John C. Chabala et al  
Serial No.: 928,111  
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For: SELECTIVE HYDROGENATION  
PRODUCTS OF C-076  
COMPOUNDS AND DERIVATIVES

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Examiner:  
B. Hazel

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 20 April 1979,  
please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 15 and 16

REMARKS:

The Office Action of 20 April 1979 has been carefully considered. By this amendment claims 15 and 16 are being cancelled. The claims remaining in the case are 1-14 and 17-22.

Claims 1-14 and 17-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over the parent C-076 compounds, which compounds are used as starting material for the instant compounds. The instant compounds are 22,23-dihydro derivatives of the starting materials. The Examiner indicated that there was not sufficient disclosure to distinguish the instant 22,23-dihydro compounds from the parent compounds, such as showing an unexpected property or increased activity. In the Amendment of Friday, February 13, 1979 Applicants Attorney indicated that an affidavit was being prepared which would demonstrate the